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EDITORIAL

THE FEBRUARY KEYSTONE always carries a message on the subject of reciprocity (see p. 4), and this month we again appeal to the club women of the South to provide some place on their club programs for this subject, which, in the end, is but another name for the *ideal* of federation. The notion that one is all sufficient to one's self can never grow or flourish in a club which, with open mind, sets aside one day in its calendar for listening to and learning about the work and accomplishments of others. This blessed spirit of intelligent interest in other lines of work than one's own broadens and deepens the floods of sympathy in one's nature, and enriches and ennobles the character. The enthusiast of one idea may accomplish some great definite work, but she is seldom the *well beloved*, helpful member of the community or family, and there is plenty of room in the world of women to-day for the sympathetic and adaptable woman. In club life reciprocity opens up many broad visions and educative ideas which may bear fruit in the individual life, in the home, and in the community at large, and the idea grows with the practice. Reciprocity Day on a club program once recorded seldom falls into disuse. Try it.

SOUTH CAROLINA CLUB WOMEN are working hard this month for the passage of a Library Commission Bill by their Legislature, and are offering the State five thousand books and the Federation's promise to continue to collect more if only the State will authorize the appointing of a commission to have charge of these books, and see to their transportation to rural communities where they can be read by an adult population. A modest appropriation of only five hundred dollars is asked for to launch the work, and it is the ardent hope of the women interested in the educational development of the State that South Carolina may join the twenty-six other States, who are successfully operating a free traveling library system through a State Library Commission. The club women in this State are also using their influence in the support of a bill introduced by the kindergarten workers of the State which provides for the introduction of kindergartens in public schools under certain conditions. A third bill of interest to these club women is the one on compulsory education, which they are pledged to work for to the best of their ability. These three measures are all along educational lines, and the womanhood of South Carolina is putting forth an earnest effort to bring about their practical accomplishment in the near future, if possible; in the distant future, if necessary.

I HAVE just noted that my subscription expired with December number, so enclose amount for renewal, and really when I see this small amount am almost ashamed to send it, realizing what a charming and valuable journal I receive. With my hearty wishes for the success of THE KEYSTONE in the new year and years to come.

(Mrs. F. G.) CORDELIA POWELL ODENHEIMER.

Jessup, Md. Pres. Maryland Division, U. D. C.

I MUST HAVE THE KEYSTONE (enclosed subscription).

MRS. EMMA A. FOX.

Author "Fox's Parliamentary Manual," Detroit, Mich.

SOUTHERN WOMEN are again offered a prize in the higher education, through the fellowship provided by the Baltimore Association for the Promotion of the University Education of Women. This association's 1909-10 fellowship of \$500 is now available for study at an American or European university. Candidates must have done one or two years of graduate work; application must be in the hands of the chairman of the committee on award, *Dr. Mary Sherwood*, The Arundel, Baltimore, Md., before March 20th, 1909.

The material prosperity of the South to-day has enabled her to give heed to every educational opportunity, and the youth of the South has not been slow in showing itself fit for these opportunities. THE KEYSTONE hopes that the knowledge of this fellowship may encourage many young women to compete for it, for as applicants increase for these higher educational opportunities there is no doubt but that a way will be found to increase their number and usefulness.

THE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION is one of the great social, economic and religious movements of this generation, and is a potent factor in the protection, assistance and development of the young woman worker of to-day. Scattered all over the country, they form a chain whose hand-clasp from city to city is a succor to the lonely, helpless and inexperienced women of moderate means. Their classes for instruction, their gymnasiums, their reading rooms and assemblies for religious teaching, all have a share in the life of the unattached woman in cities and towns, while their lunch rooms and boarding houses are sources of physical comfort and well being to these women to a marked degree. The Young Women's Christian Association, of Charleston, S. C., has just opened a boarding house of its own, in charge of a competent matron. Here a woman may secure a comfortable, neat room in a nicely furnished house, with reading rooms and parlors, in the heart of the city, on the electric car line, for 50 cents per night. The managers of this Y. W. C. A. find that there is a need for such a place in Charleston, and the traveling woman public will soon learn to use and appreciate the comfort offered under such favorable conditions. All communications should be addressed to the Y. W. C. A., 81 Wentworth Street, Charleston, S. C.

I HAVE ENJOYED THE KEYSTONE and wish to be placed on your books of subscription.

Your report of the Biennial was the best one I read anywhere or heard read.

(Mrs. Ed. W.) GERTRUDE B. BIDDLE.

Pres. Pennsylvania Federation of Women's Clubs.

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 12, 1909.

ENCLOSED you will find \$1.10 for a renewal of my subscription to the *Confederate Veteran* and THE KEYSTONE. * * * I must tell you I enjoy your little editorials so much. I say *little* because they are very short; there is such a gentle, lady-like, but firm way of putting things before your readers that appeals to me.

(Mrs. Jas.) ANNIE HILL KENAN.

Wallace, N. C.

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(Mrs.) JENNIE G. HENDERSON.

Corinth, Miss., Jan. 18, 1909

OFFICIAL CLUB NEWS

For the State Federation of Women's Clubs of South Carolina, Mississippi, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia.
(This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.)

SOUTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for South Carolina to Mrs. E. F. Bell, Blacksburg, S. C., Corresponding Secretary, S. C. F. W., Manager.

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(74 Clubs—4,760 Members.)

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the South Carolina Federation met in Columbia, January 13th and 14th, at the home of the president, Mrs. W. B. Burney. Mrs. E. F. Bell, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mitchell Levi, treasurer; Miss Georgia Dargan, auditor, and Mrs. Burney, president, were present. The resignation of Mrs. T. B. Hayne, recording secretary, was received, and the board unanimously elected Mrs. I. M. Silcox, Charleston, to fill out the unexpired term. The following new clubs were admitted to the State Federation: The Charleston City Federation; The Monday Club, Rock Hill; The Domestic Science Club, Chester, and The Civic League, Cheraw. It was decided to invite Mrs. Moore, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, to attend the Sumter Convention, and to make an address before the Federation. A delegation from the Sumter clubs conferred with the board on January 14th, and it was decided to fix upon April 20, 21, 22 as dates for the Sumter Convention.

M. B. BELL, Corresponding Secretary.

TO THE CLUBS OF SOUTH CAROLINA:—*Read this at your next meeting, and send some reply or acknowledgment to the chairman by March 10th, so that your club may be recorded as coöperating with this department.*

As the new chairman of the Literature and Reciprocity Department of the South Carolina Federation, I am making a special plea this month for all clubs to give some little time to this department. The plans, as presented by my predecessor, were so practical and simple that I shall follow them as closely as possible.

This department will have charge of a literary session at the Sumter Convention, in April, and every club is requested to send *one paper* to the chairman by March 10th, to compete for a place on this program. The chairman and her committee will select *three* papers from those submitted, and these will make up the program for the literary session. Every club can take part, as no specific subject has been assigned by the committee with the idea that each club will send its *best paper*, irrespective of subject. The only requirement is that the paper must not exceed fifteen minutes in reading. All papers not used on the program will be acknowledged in "THE KEYSTONE," filed in the bureau, and be kept for exchange among clubs, to be used in *Reciprocity Day* celebrations.

LITERARY CLUBS are reminded that this department is ready to help and advise in regard to club programs. Clubs are requested to continue to send the bureau two of their year books as soon as printed.

YEAR BOOKS:—All year books and papers will be acknowledged in the reciprocity column of THE KEYSTONE, and clubs are urged to consult the column to keep in touch with what has been filed for loan. No program committee should attempt to prepare a program or print a year book without consulting some recent year books on file in this department; by calling for a half-dozen of these programs and culling a good point from each, clubs can improve their year books. In printing programs, clubs are reminded to print the *name of club, name of the town and State, and name of the subject* for study that year on the outside of their program. This facilitates filing and makes the program more useful.

CHAIRMAN OF DEPARTMENTS in the Federation are requested to file with the Reciprocity Bureau, by March 10th, an outline of their requests to clubs. Every chairman should send an appeal to the clubs at least once a year, through the South Carolina column in THE KEYSTONE. *Individual clubs* are reminded that the reciprocity division of the department has 93 papers and 192 year books on file for exchange among clubs on receipt of *ten cents for postage*. These are loaned for two weeks. Last year we successfully answered 56 appeals by lending out 195 manuscripts and year books; 76 year books and papers were received in 1908. *Club reciprocity committees* are requested to: *First*, read the South Carolina column each month, as it appears in THE KEYSTONE, to their clubs in open session. *Second*, to send to this department any newspaper or magazine clipping which they may think bears on any one of the departments of the Federation. These clippings will be classified by the bureau and sent out to clubs on request.

RECIPROCITY DAY should be celebrated each year; the department recommends a day in February to secure uniformity among clubs. The chairman will furnish information as to such a celebration, and will give information on all Federation work. Each club president is requested to communicate with the chairman of this department at least once during the year.

ALL CLUBS are urged to *read* in open session every marked copy of THE KEYSTONE, as it brings a special message from one of the State departments. And now, clubs of South Carolina, let me hear from you so that I can report in Sumter *every club* answered my appeal.

Charleston, S. C. LOUISA B. POPPENHEIM,

Chairman Literature and Reciprocity:

[Committee: Mrs. J. A. Russell, Greenville; Mrs. W. E. Anderson, Blacksburg.]

THE MAIDS AND MATRONS' CLUB of Blacksburg has just issued their new Year Book and it is a *model* in every way. It would do every club in South Carolina good to look over this new Year Book. Prof. Snyder addressed the club November 11 on "Southern Literature." The club is also interested in their school library, which they have taken under their especial patronage. Since September this club of eighteen members has contributed fifty volumes.

I AM EMBRACING THIS OPPORTUNITY to appeal to the clubs of the Federation to give more time and study to domestic science. Somehow I cannot understand why our women are so slow to interest in this truly most valuable branch of Federation work. One hour in the whole year's work is sometimes given, and in but few towns is any organized effort being made. The average woman regards domestic science as learning how to cook—that is certainly a most important part of the study—but if they would only look into it they would discover that there were other things of equal importance. Household and personal hygiene, care of children, care of the sick, the proper making of clothing.—all these things when intelligently studied aid in giving health and comfort to those whom the housekeeper and home-maker are responsible for, and lessen the labor to this same home-maker herself, for she learns the best, consequently the easiest, ways of managing her household. Let me then implore the club women to give more generously of their time to this study, and to organize in such manner as to give the benefit of their acquired knowledge to those in the class of life who are not able to command this information, for they are really those in most need of this assistance. If we desire to uplift, environment must be bettered. "The American School of Home Economics" gets out a most valuable set of books on all these subjects. Any one who wishes information of how to get them can apply to,

MRS. H. E. GRIMBALL,
Chairman of Domestic Science,

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(39 Clubs.)

THE MANAGER trusts she will not be accused of partiality to the near-by clubs. The fact is they are always doing good things, echoes of which reach the editor's ear.

WE CALL ATTENTION again to the literature contest. Papers on any subject may be submitted, and it is to be hoped that clubs will see to it that all their good papers are entered. The best original poem paper and story will be read at the Federation. Send to the chairman of the literature committee, two weeks before the Federation.

THE NEW CENTURY CLUB, West Point, is vitally interested in the subject of tuberculosis. We gave a debate on this subject one afternoon, which impressed the awfulness of the dread disease upon each one, and then we had a public meeting, at which several of our local physicians gave addresses, much to the enlightenment of the community. We have given also our first flower show, which, from every standpoint, was a success. Together with our flower exhibit, we also had a domestic science booth—fancy work, plain sewing and wood work, which articles were all made by our school children. For the best of these articles we awarded prizes. Also for the best kept lawn and flower yard. We began some civic work last summer when one coun-

ty normal was in session here, by having a program along on this subject when the teachers were present. We presented several features of civic work to them, such as beautifying their schools and encouraging teachers and children in general reading. We have six complete circulating libraries in use through our county, for which each neighborhood seems to be appreciative. We have had a library day this fall, at which time committees went over the town and gathered a great number of magazines. We propose to keep the best reference magazines as a nucleus for a magazine room in our much longed for city library, to which end we are striving. The other magazines are to be distributed about Christmas time among our people who are not able to buy such things.

Our public schools are taking up art with a renewed interest, and our club is offering a prize to the child who makes the greatest improvement in this line.

We have a desire "to be up and doing," and try always to keep the best interests of the public before our eyes.

MRS. ED. JOINER.

THE 20TH CENTURY CLUB, of Kosciusko, is giving a series of luncheons, five members acting as hostesses, and bearing the expense, which is limited to \$10.00 for each time.

THE JANUARY ISSUE of the *Mississippi School Journal* contains a fine article on "Household Economics," by Mrs. Mattie Hardy Lott, of "The Fortnightly" Club Meridian.

THE CLIMBERS, OF BROOKHAVEN, sent 60 good current books as a Christmas present to the town library. Educational work takes first place with them. They are offering cash prizes to the country schools and circulating magazines. Their response to the domestic science department will be their annual banquet, to which the husbands will be bidden. Ten hostesses will provide the menu. Toasts bearing on the subject will be given. They are planning a big civics and forestry day with the State chairman, Mrs. Butterfield.

MARY A. FLY.

NORTH CAROLINA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for North Carolina to Miss Gertrude Weil, Goldsboro, N. C., General Federation Secretary, Manager.

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THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT is probably the largest in the State Federation, as about one-half of the total membership is connected with it; but it is a difficult department to report, for, starting with the common aim of self-culture, each club follows the path that seems best in its own eyes, and there is no debit and credit account by which results can be noted. In the choice of subject interest is evenly divided between purely literary topics and the more general study of some country, including its history, literature and present conditions. The Year Books received this winter show a tendency toward simpler programs, especially in the larger clubs, and this is much to be commended, for a restricted subject, thoroughly mastered, gives far better results than a hasty skimming over a much larger field. At the annual meeting of the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association, in Raleigh,

last October, a literature commission was appointed, with the suggestion that it prepare several programs especially suited to the needs of the study clubs of North Carolina, and the chairman of the literature department of the State Federation gladly pledged her cooperation in distributing them to the clubs in her department. That the interests of the study clubs are great enough to secure such volunteer assistance from so representative a body of men and women is an eloquent testimony to the place that women's clubs are making for themselves. It may also interest those who have contributed to the Mrs. Stonewall Jackson scholarship, at Salem College, to learn that the \$50.00 interest on the fund is being used this year for a scholarship, and the young lady who holds it is showing her appreciation by making good marks and winning the approval of her teachers. She is the daughter of a Confederate Veteran, so this statement should be of interest to all who read THE KEYSTONE, whether engaged in literary studies or in patriotic organizations. It is hoped that the fund may continue to grow by free-will offerings from many sources, so that the size of the scholarship may be largely increased. In concluding this report the chairman would extend to all study clubs, and literature departments of larger clubs, the very best wishes for successful work during these winter months, the months which stamp the club year with the character which it will bear in the club memory. ADELAIDE L. FRIES,

Chairman State Department of Literature.

THE NORTH CAROLINA SOROSIS (Wilmington) has arranged several free lectures on civic improvement and also a lecture on art. At a recent meeting an appropriation of ten dollars was voted by the club to the scholarship committee of the State Federation.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, OF CHARLOTTE, has, in the action of its civics department, also shown a decided interest in this phase of club life. At a recent meeting the department voted to take an active part in the enforcement of some of the city ordinances which have been almost entirely overlooked; the sweeping of sidewalks, throwing of trash into the streets, and expectorating on the sidewalks and in cars. The sanitary condition of the public buildings and schools was also discussed. An evidence of the energetic spirit of the Charlotte Club was the woman's club column in the special Christmas edition of the *Charlotte Observer*, containing messages of greeting from the president of the General Federation, the president of the North Carolina Federation, and brief articles on various phases of club life, by other club women in the State.

THE GOLDSBORO WOMAN'S CLUB feels indebted to its sister club, in Raleigh, for the loan of its domestic science chairman, Mrs. Hutt, who early in January gave a delightful talk on "the Reasons for Promoting the Study of Domestic Science." An informal social "meet" took place after the lecture in the form of a New Year resolution party. This lecture by Mrs. Hutt is the first of a series that have been arranged for this winter.

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE what has been done by the clubs of the State in way of social service along the definite line of helping the mill operators. A large proportion of our club towns are also mill towns, and many of them have

large mill populations. During the winter months of 1908 the Kinston Woman's Club conducted and maintained a night school in the mill district for the benefit of the children who worked during the day. The organizer of the school would have been enabled to continue it had it not been for the energetic work of the Kinston club women and the outside cooperation that they inspired. Although the school has been discontinued this winter, its good results are seen in the increased school attendance among the mill children.

The Woman's Club of Charlotte is fortunate in having a well established institution through which to work in helping the mill people. The Southern Industrial Institute, founded by Mrs. Baldwin, and maintained by private subscriptions, is a school finely situated near two of the large mills. It offers agricultural and textile courses for boys, and home science for girls. There are about thirty boarding pupils, and from seventy-five to one hundred day pupils. The kindergarten and music departments have planned to meet with the girls, and the household economics department will assist with the teaching of domestic science. In December this last named department gave a "kitchen show" at the school, and as a result furnished an outfit of blue and white ware, and collected money for the decoration of the dining room.

For several years the child study department of the Goldsboro Woman's Club maintained a sort of day nursery, or "play house," as it was called, for the little children under school-age in the mill district. Members and friends of the department took each one morning in the week to entertain and instruct the children. They were kept interested for two hours and a half with paper cutting and folding, block building, kindergarten songs and games, etc. This contact with the children gave reasonable excuse for acquaintance in their homes. As a result there is an attendance at the public school of a larger percentage of mill children than ever before, and the children prove better pupils, both in regard to manners and receptivity.

This winter the child study department is conducting a sewing class in the same neighborhood as the old "play house." There are about eighteen in the class, but the total attendance, including tots too young to handle a needle, average twenty-five. The class is held on one afternoon every week, with three teachers in charge. The aim is to give these children, who generally leave public school too young to learn any domestic science there, some training in the use of their hands. The ultimate hope of the department is that this small class in sewing may gradually extend its activities until other branches of manual training are added, and it can offer many courses in industrial and domestic arts.

GERTRUDE WEIL.

"The Fair Mississippian," by Charles Egbert Craddock, is a delightful story of plantation life on the Mississippi. The characters are interesting personalities. *Honora*, the widow heroine, being a charming Southern girl polished by European travel. The hero, *Edward Desmond*, is equal to every requirement made of him, and in his relation as tutor makes a place for himself in the every-day life of the family. The story abounds in exciting adventure, and the nocturnal noises and night walkings give the book an air of mystery. In her departure from her usual theme the author has lost none of her charm, and this latest novel shows her versatile powers and adds new friends to her hosts of warm admirers.

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 Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lilla Lewis, Tallahassee.
 (28 Clubs—1,200 Members.)

NEW YEAR GREETINGS to the clubs of the Florida Federation and to the clubs I hope to see in the Federation before the New Year has grown old.

The club extension committee is planning to send invitations to all non-federated clubs, and I trust the plea for the broader life the Federation holds for the club women of Florida will find lodgment in many hearts and minds, and ultimately bring to the ranks of the Federation a great influx of noble workers. The clubs have nothing to lose and much to gain by this important step. The benefits are mutual, and the broadening influence of association and co-operation strengthens and builds up the individual as well as the club and the Federation.

In the Federation I desire nothing so much for the new year and the new administration as a harmonious working together for the upbuilding of the departments. Nearest my heart lies the educational work for the present; it seems the most important.

The school system of Florida needs reconstruction from the State Board of Education to the primary department of the smallest country school, and there must be no half-way measure, no uncertain note in the policy of the Federation. We want the best for our schools.

The Legislature of 1905 passed a bill (prepared and presented by the Tallahassee Woman's Club) allowing a kindergarten to be established and maintained in communities guaranteeing the attendance of twenty-five kindergarten pupils. Every kindergarten thus established was to be a part of the public school taught in that same community, and to be under the direction and control of the principal of said public school. The blessings this bill carries with it for the children and the parents of the State have not been fully understood or appreciated, and I am asking the chairman of the education and industrial committee to distribute copies of the law among the clubs, and ask their assistance in establishing a kindergarten in their own town at least, and from this beginning I hope to see a kindergarten in every town in the State where twenty-five kindergarten pupils can be found.

The January *Bulletin* has an article, written by Joseph Lee, vice-president of the Massachusetts Civic League, in regard to the work of the Eastern Kindergarten Association, that shows that the Florida Federation is not alone in advocating the great need of kindergartens as a part of the public school system. I beg every woman to read his strong appeal. It is a work that surely the mothers in Florida will enter into without waiting to be urged.

I have had some difficulty in finding chairmen for the standing committees, and for this reason alone the Manual is delayed; but with the exception of the Art Committee all is now in readiness for going to press. I hope the names of the chairmen of each committee will bespeak for it the success we desire for 1909.

Educational and Industrial Committee, Mrs. Walter Belk, Chairman, Lake City.

Club Extension Committee, Miss May J. Crosby, Chairman, San Mateo.

Civic Committee, Miss Kathryn Thorp, Chairman, Daytona.

Health Department of Civic Committee, Dr. Ellen Lowell-Stevens, Chairman, 2050 Hill St., Jacksonville.

Forestry Committee, Mrs. Kirk Munroe, Chairman, Coconut Grove.

Household Economics and Pure Food Committee, Mrs. S. J. Hilburn, Chairman, Palatka.

Reciprocity Committee, Mrs. N. C. Wamboldt, Chairman, 915 Talleyrand St., Jacksonville.

Social Purity Committee, Mrs. M. E. Randall, Chairman, Lawtey.

Library Extension Committee, Mrs. Richard P. Hopkins, Chairman, Live Oak.

Bird Protection Committee, Mrs. E. E. Coulson, Chairman, Braidentown.

Civil Service Reform Committee, Mrs. Leight Munroe, Chairman, Avenue A, Miami.

Child Labor Committee, Mrs. William Hocker, Chairman, Ocala.

Legislative Committee, Mrs. E. G. G. Munsell, Chairman, Green Cove Springs.

State Correspondents:

THE KEYSTONE, Mrs. J. W. Wideman, DeLand.

Times-Union, Mrs. H. W. Thomas, DeFuniak.

Mrs. J. C. Beekman, of Tarpon Springs, made the Federation a Christmas gift of twenty volumes of recent fiction for the traveling libraries. These are gratefully received, and I take this opportunity of publicly expressing the Federation's appreciation of such generosity. Perhaps there are other friends who have books to contribute to this splendid cause; if so, I will be glad to hear from them.

Faithfully yours,

LENA WOOTEN SHACKLEFORD,

President Florida Federation, Women's Clubs.

VIRGINIA FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Address all communications for Virginia to Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg, Va., Corresponding Secretary Virginia F. W. C., Manager.

President—Mrs. James R. Kyle, Lynchburg.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth Gish, Lynchburg.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. W. King, Staunton.

(10 Clubs—683 Members.)

STANDING not far beyond the threshold of a new year, and looking forward to the days which are to come to us, one by one, freighted with opportunities of great usefulness, I would recommend to the Virginia club women that we concentrate our efforts upon the work which has been so substantially inaugurated by our committee on industrial education and the home. This committee is coöperating closely and heartily with the educational forces of the State, and with the Coöperative Educational Association. From time to time the corresponding secretary has given outlines of our work, and its development, in the columns of THE KEYSTONE, and so it is not necessary for me to mention it further than to say that the work has met with great favor wherever introduced.

The superintendents and teachers in the six counties in which this work has been taken up feel that in the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs they have found friends, who by their active interest have proved themselves friends in deed and in truth. As the Virginia Federation grows in strength and influence, we hope to see this work of practical value expand until introduced into every county in the State. The little leaven of industrial education which we have "hidden in the measure of meal" represented by the schools of Amherst and Campbell counties, and which has spread to

the counties of Augusta, Bedford, Prince Edward, and Henry, will surely leaven the whole lump. Any person desiring information in regard to this work can secure it by writing to Miss Anna L. Jones, Lynchburg, Virginia, who was the originator of the scheme in Virginia.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome into our Federation the Students' Club, of Portsmouth, and the Round Dozen Club, of Pulaski. We hope that through their influence our educational work may be extended into Norfolk and Pulaski counties. We are looking forward to, and planning for, the State Convention which will meet in Alexandria, in May.

We know that there are many clubs in Virginia which, if they would once come in touch with the Federation and send delegates to our State Convention, they would return to their own clubs with hearts warmed by contact with enthusiastic women from other parts of the State. The president or the corresponding secretary will be glad to give any information, or to answer any inquiries concerning our organization. Copies of the year book, which contains an outline of this work of the various committees, will be sent to anyone upon application.

There are eleven standing committees, viz: Art, Civics, Forestry, Education, Industrial Education and the Home, Library Extension, Literature, Music, Reciprocity, Press, and the Audubon committee, a "platform" broad enough for any club to stand upon.

I will be glad if I can render service to any individual, or to any club, whether members of the Federation or not.

With hearty good wishes for the steady progress of woman's work, I am faithfully yours, ALICE J. KYLE,

President Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs.

THE WOMAN'S CIVIC BETTERMENT CLUB, of Roanoke, and the Graduate and State Registered Nurses' Association, of Lynchburg, have recently held their annual meetings. Mrs. M. M. Caldwell was elected president of the former, and Miss Martha F. Wheeler, vice-president of the latter organization.

THE WOMAN'S CLUB, OF MONTVILLE, has added nearly a hundred volumes to the public library it maintains in the village, and has organized a junior literary society of a dozen or more members.

HON. A. J. MONTAGUE gave a most delightful talk before the Lynchburg Woman's Club in December, his subject being "A Glimpse at Brazil." He attended the Pan-American Congress, at Rio de Janeiro, by the appointment of President Roosevelt.

THE ROUND DOZEN CLUB, OF PULASKI, has joined the Virginia Federation. It was organized in January, 1901, and has studied such subjects as "Great Artists," "Great Reformers," "George Eliot and her Writings," "Famous Women," "The United States and her Possessions," etc. This year three Shakespearean plays are under consideration. It conducts a small circulating library among its members. Its civic betterment committee has taken particular interest in the improvement of the cemetery. Mrs. Julia P. Leache is president of the Round Dozen Club. This club expects to work with the industrial education committee.

ELIZABETH GISH.

GENERAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS.

President—Mrs. Philip N. Moore, 3125 Lafayette Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Frank N. Shiek, Wheatland, Wyoming.

[The Federation Bulletin, "the official organ" of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, according to agreement at the St. Paul Biennial, sends out to all sectional "official organs" each month advance sheets of the official General Federation News, which it has received for publication. The following are official items for February.]

TO EVERY FRIEND who has sent me cordial greetings for the Christmas and New Year season I return my heartfelt thanks. There were nearly four hundred such remembrances, with a written word or letter of good wishes, and I am sure the work of 1909 will feel the impetus such loving thought suggests. Let me take this opportunity to acknowledge my indebtedness, and to assure each one I would answer personally if it were in my power.

With the opening of the year and the awakening of good resolutions come many requests for literature, and questions which may well be answered through the columns of the *Bulletin*.

After the first of January applications for membership call for dues only to April, 1910, and many organizations will take advantage of this early membership to give themselves the privilege of the *Bulletin*, the Directory, the literature, and their presence at the Council meeting.

The literature within a few days included an admirable Open Letter issued by the Board of Directors, which many may remember was largely the thought of our ever-present past president. It was brought up to date by an efficient committee, and will be most helpful whenever the question is asked, "What is the value of Federation?"

The circular from the Interfederation committee is sent to State presidents, but contains so comprehensive and clear a statement of the relation of clubs to State, and State to General Federation that it would be of value to any thoughtful member.

For the first time your president is following her work across the water, and into somewhat foreign land. Upon invitation of the Canal Zone Federation it will be our pleasure to attend one of their general meetings, at Ancon, and become a little more familiar with conditions surrounding the women who are helping so largely to make possible the work of the government. To my great satisfaction, Mrs. Sherman has consented to be one of the party. During my absence matters of immediate need will receive the prompt attention of the first vice-president, Mrs. Cowles.

EVA PERRY MOORE.

THE COUNCIL MEETING:—Arrangements are being rapidly perfected by the Texas club women for hospitable entertainment of the Council and Board of Directors of the General Federation at San Antonio. The board will meet on Monday and Tuesday, March 29-30, the Council will meet Wednesday and Thursday, March 31 and April 1, and the board will meet again on Friday, April 2. An attractive program of sight-seeing and social events in San Antonio is announced by the committee of arrangements, Mrs. H. P. Drought, chairman, Miss Breckenridge, Mrs. H. C. Carter, Mrs. P. J. Lewis, and Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker.

The transportation committee, Mrs. A. W. Houston, chairman, Mrs. Edward McClannahan, and Mrs. A. B.

Honeycutt, have arranged the itinerary of a trip to Mexico; the excursion leaving San Antonio at 9 a. m. Saturday, April 3, and arriving at the City of Mexico at 1 p. m. on Tuesday, April 6. Brief stops will be made en route at Diaz, Torreon and Silao, and the most of Monday, April 5, will be spent at picturesque Guanajuata, one of the famous mining camps of Mexico. The price of the round trip will be \$26.60, with 75 cents additional for the side-trip to Guanajuata. The Pullman rate from San Antonio to Mexico, without stop-overs, is \$6.65. A slight extra charge will be for stop-overs as per itinerary. Interesting side-trips from the City of Mexico can be arranged if desired. Mr. Munzenberger, the Mexico general agent, will accompany the train, and, as he speaks both Spanish and English, he will do everything necessary for the comfort of the party. Further information can be obtained by addressing Mrs. Edward McClannahan, Goliad Street, San Antonio, Texas.

THE CHAIRMAN of the educational committee, Miss Laura D. Gill, has requested Dr. Paul H. Hanus, of the Department of Education, in Harvard University, to prepare a list of books for the use of club women especially interested in education. This list covers administration, general theory, school hygiene, manual training, and periodicals, and is on file in THE KEYSTONE Reciprocity Bureau, and may be had upon application.

THE CIVICS COMMITTEE has sent a circular letter to the federated clubs, urging concerted endeavor in every city and village and rural district to create civic pride, a right civic spirit, and a public sentiment for national issues, such as the preservation of Niagara Falls and the establishment of forestry reserves. Let each club study the needs of its own municipality or rural environment, then take up at least one phase of betterment and carry it to a finish. Among suggested lines of work are these:

Abatement of the smoke nuisance, of useless noises, of pernicious and disfiguring bill-boards.

Encouragement of legitimate and artistic advertising, of the care of vacant lots, street-cleaning, home gardening, Arbor Day recognition, preservation of natural features, wild flowers and birds, beautifying school grounds and railway stations, artistic grouping of public buildings.

Establishment of parks and playgrounds, city rest-rooms for rural women and children, Junior Civics Leagues.

Provide addresses and lectures on Civics, and at least one civic topic on the club calendar.

Seek to promote those things that will insure higher ideals in citizenship. Good citizenship inspires loyalty to city and nation.

MRS. EDWIN F. MOULTON, Warren Ohio, is chairman of the committee and other members are Mrs. W. S. Major, of Indiana; Mrs. Frank Streeter, of New Hampshire; Mrs. Charlotte F. Flagg, of Maine; Mrs. J. M. Aydelatte, of Oklahoma; Mrs. Jane H. Magoon, of Wyoming; Mrs. Turner Oliver, of Oregon.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, through its chairman, Mrs. Rufus Williams, urges club women to secure copies of her bulletins and literature on tuberculosis from the Bureau of Information, Portsmouth, N. H., and to continue their efforts in behalf of prevention of tuberculosis. She also asks every club to report some active work in this campaign at the Council meeting, at San Antonio, sending such report to its State Federation chairman by March 10.

The Louisiana Federation will meet in Lafayette, March 25, 26, 27.

The Mississippi Federation, Brookhaven, April 14, 15, 16.

The South Carolina Federation, Sumter, April 20, 21, 22.

The North Carolina Federation, Raleigh, May 4, 5, 6.

The Virginia Federation, Alexandria, probably second week in May.

All of these Federations are anticipating the pleasure of having Mrs. Moore, the president of the General Federation, as their guest of honor, and with this in view have so arranged their dates.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION.

THE SOUTH CAROLINA SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION held its third annual meeting in conjunction with the South Carolina Teachers' Association, in Columbia, December 31st and January 1st. The sessions were held in the Senate chamber, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The opening prayer was made by Dr. Henry Alexander White, the address of welcome by Superintendent of Education O. B. Martin, and the response by Miss Elsie C. Rudd, of Saluda. Governor Ansel announced the winning schools for the five \$100 prizes, the thirty \$50 prizes, and the eight \$25 prizes which had been awarded by the executive committee. The Association had received \$2000 from the State Board of Education as the surplus from the school library appropriation, and the county associations and many women's clubs contributed the extra \$200, making the sum of \$2200 which the Association awarded in prizes this year. The Winthrop College local association also awarded a beautiful gold medal to the county organizer who had accomplished the most work during the past year; this was won by the organizer of Horry County. Col. E. J. Watson, Commissioner of Agriculture of South Carolina, made an earnest address on *The Rural School as an Important Factor in Advancing Agricultural Interests of the State*. Prof. P. P. Claxton, of the University of Tennessee, spoke feelingly on *The Value of Educational Campaign Work to the South*, and Prof. W. H. Hand, of Columbia, gave a practical talk on *"Agricultural High Schools."* In her report the president, Miss Nance, showed the rapid growth of the Association during the past year, and in the reports of the county associations made by the delegates in person wonderful improvements were mentioned. It was with great regret that the Association accepted the resignation of Miss Nance as president, as she had filled the duties of this office most faithfully for the past three years. As a token of their appreciation of her services the Association presented her with a handsome silver loving cup. This association of teachers, school children and public spirited citizens is doing a great work among the public schools in South Carolina, and as a part of the South Carolina Federation should have the sympathy and coöperation of all club women. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Theodosia Dargan, Stateburg; Vice-President, Mrs. Dora Walker, Appleton; Recording Secretary, Miss Lizzie Rogers, Eastover; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Louise Bethea, Latta; Treasurer, Miss Elsie Rudd, Saluda; Chairman Executive Committee, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Charleston.

L. B. P.

UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

President—Mrs. Cornelia Branch Stone, Galveston, Texas.
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(Up-to-date Notes.)

TO THE UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY:—

The fifteenth year of our organization was completed at the General Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia, and was celebrated there with all of the pomp and splendor befitting this "Crystal Anniversary."

The reports all showed gratifying progress along all lines of work, both in the General Association and in the State divisions. The entire corps of general officers were re-elected, and three new offices were created. These were: Third Vice-President, Mrs. L. C. Hall, Dardenelle, Arkansas, elected; Historian General, Mrs. J. Enders Robinson, Richmond, Virginia, elected; Registrar General, Mrs. James Britton Gantt, Jefferson City, Missouri, elected.

"The Revision of the Constitution and By Laws," which came by inheritance from the last to the present administration, was carefully reconsidered by the committee on revision, to which membership Mrs. Alexander B. White, of Tennessee, had been appointed, Mrs. Nelson Poe, Jr., having resigned. This was again printed, and sent out in the requisite time, before the General Convention, and was acted upon by that body, in detail, and adopted in the form recently sent out to you.

Much misconstruction has arisen in regard to the clause touching the eligibility of "Wives of Veterans." This remains unchanged, and just as it has been since the organization of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. An amendment was offered on the floor of the Convention, restricting the eligibility of the "Wives" to "women of Southern parentage," but this was lost by more than a two-thirds majority. But the clause giving eligibility to nieces of Veterans was amended so as to greatly enlarge the collateral membership by giving it to nieces and grand-nieces of every degree, not only of Veterans, but of "women of the sixties" whose personal service and material aid to the Confederate cause can be proven.

Change was made in the date of payment of annual dues to the General Association, U. D. C., fixing this on March first, instead of October. Therefore the dues for 1908 having been paid October, 1908, the dues for 1909 will be paid on the first of next March, and on that date for each succeeding year.

The union of the Indian Territory and Oklahoma Divisions was harmoniously accomplished during the year, and this married couple now take the name of the "Oklahoma Division." A division was formed in the State of Washington, where the requisite number of chapters had existed for some time. A new State was entered by the organization of a chapter in Minneapolis, Minnesota, by Mrs. Joseph Johnson, of St. Louis.

Reports were made of the widespread observance of the centennial year of the birth of President Jefferson Davis, and the splendid ceremonies had by the chapters, on June third, our Chieftain's birthday, together

with the earnest study in the public and private schools, and by the people at large, of his life, service and character, all giving expression of the love, honor and confidence of the people of the South. Portraits of Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee were placed in the schools throughout the year, and it is again urged that the work of so placing the pictures of Southern heroes shall be continued during the coming year, as a stimulus for the youth of the South to nobility of character and patriotic citizenship.

The Shiloh and Arlington monument funds were increased greatly, notwithstanding the panic in financial circles, and it is hoped and believed that during the coming year these amounts will grow into much larger proportions.

Portraits of General Robert E. Lee, "Lee and His Generals," and a beautifully illustrated booklet, a History of the Confederate Banners, by Mary Lynn Conrad, can be ordered through the State directors of the Shiloh Monument Association, and fifty per cent. of the amount of sales will be given to the Shiloh monument fund.

Another standing committee (on education) was provided by the Convention, of which, it is needless to say, it will be the duty to foster all educational interests. Your president would urge that such effort shall take practical course, such as influencing manual and industrial training—whereby the children of our lands may be equipped with the knowledge of right living, and the means of making an honest living. State divisions not having a committee on education will provide for this by appointment, so as to cooperate with the general committee in this work.

A great impetus and interest has marked the year 1908 in the organization of the Children of the Confederacy, and this work should be earnestly pushed, for the perpetuity and progress of the Daughters of the Confederacy are largely dependent on the success of such effort. In this connection it is well to call attention to a booklet, by Mrs. C. M. Tardy, of Birmingham, historian of the Alabama Division, "Programs for Children of the Confederacy," which also contains selections of patriotic song and verse. This is sold at thirty cents each copy, and the proceeds will aid in placing Alabama's window in Blandford Church, Petersburg, Virginia. Mrs. Tardy is an active worker in the organization of children.

In direct line with objects and purposes of our organization we heartily endorse the efforts of the United Confederate Veterans in their determination to preserve the truth of the history of the Confederate Navy and its commanders; this work having been inaugurated by Commander A. O. Wright, Confederate Navy Veteran.

It is recommended that every Daughter of the Confederacy shall promptly become a member of the "Jefferson Davis Home Association," which is formed for the purpose of purchasing the birthplace of President Davis, in Fairview, Kentucky. Such membership will cost but one dollar. Send this at once to Mr. S. A. Cunningham, and this will be a fitting close of the Davis centennial year. The property will be used for some philanthropic purpose connected with the Confederate cause. In view of the value of the historic work already accomplished, and being

done by Mr. Cunningham through the "Confederate Veterans," your president asks that you will give this publication your support by annual subscription.

Trusting that each of my "Daughters" will realize the great value of individual responsibility in the zealous advancement of our endeavor—remembering that it is the unit that makes up the whole—bringing to the coming year, fruitful and glorious results.

CORNELLA BRANCH STONE,
President General, U. D. C.

THE U. D. C. \$100 PRIZE AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY:—
The Baltimore Chapter, U. D. C., at its meeting on January 19th passed a resolution protesting against the action of the committee which awarded the \$100 prize, offered by the U. D. C., for the best essay on the South in the war between the States, to Miss Christine Boyson, of Minnesota, for her paper, "Robert E. Lee, a Present Estimate," published in the December *Confederate Veteran*. This essay was adversely criticised by the *Confederate Veteran* when it was published, and recently the Richmond, Virginia, Chapter, U. D. C., passed resolutions condemning it. The author, while eulogizing Lee, seems to have a remarkable opinion of the education and general civilization of the South in 1861, while some reflections which she casts on Gen. Lee's subordinates would hardly be verified by historical records. It is to be regretted that the seal of the approval of the U. D. C. should be set on such an unfortunate misapprehension of the South as it was in the days of the Confederacy.

[The committee on awarding this prize are President Alderman, University of Virginia; Prof. C. Alfonso Smith, Professor of History, University of North Carolina, and President Finlay, of Teachers' College, Columbia University.]

TENNESSEE:—Daughters of the Confederacy everywhere will learn with deep sympathy of the sorrow that has come to Mrs. M. B. Pilcher, the president of the Tennessee Division, U. D. C., in the death of her husband, Capt. M. B. Pilcher, who passed away at his home in Nashville, Tennessee, on December 30th, after an illness of one month. Capt. Pilcher was the founder and ex-president of the Y. M. C. A., of Nashville, and was a brave Confederate soldier, having been wounded at the battles of Perryville and Franklin. He was a promoter of the Monteagle Sunday School Assembly, and was twice elected president of the International Chautauqua Alliance. He instituted the twilight prayer service at Monteagle, and was prominent in Baptist missionary work.

TENNESSEE: The U. D. C.'s at Paris, Tennessee, are rejoicing over a relic room. Mrs. A. B. White, writes: "Last Monday, in behalf of my chapter, I went before our County Board of Supervisors and asked for a room in the Court House for us to hold our meetings, put our pictures, relics, etc. It was granted graciously and unanimously, and then, to my surprise and delight, they appropriated \$50 to furnish it."

GEORGIA: The Atlanta Chapter, U. D. C., have recently presented Mrs. C. Helen Plane, their honorary President, with a beautiful silver loving cup. This chapter, which so royally entertained the U. D. C. Convention in November at its annual meeting, reported through its able retiring Presi-

dent, Mrs. E. G. Warner, that there was \$800 in its treasury.

The Confederate Veterans donated \$500 to the entertainment fund for the General Convention and the Chapter collected over \$1,000 for the same purpose, and thus the chapter was able to give such splendid entertainments and at the close of the year report a balance in its treasury.

Mrs. Warner in retiring was presented with a beautiful silver bowl by the Chapter.

TEXAS:—The Veuve Jefferson Davis Chapter, of Galveston, unveiled in Macgill Memorial Hall, on December 11th, a handsome picture of Mrs. Mollie Macgill Rosenberg, their president, who, after an absence of six months, was present to preside at their meeting on that occasion. The local Camp of Veterans were present, and the presentation was made by Mrs. Settle, the chapter vice-president. The afternoon closed with a musical program.

A SONG-RECITAL.

MME. JEANNE JOMELLI, the Dutch soprano, opened the second series of the Charlton-Smith concerts in Charleston, S. C., by a song-recital at the Academy of Music, on January 13th. The audience which greeted this gifted singer was representative and musically critical, and the enthusiastic applause and the continued ovation which was accorded Mme. Jomelli throughout the evening was proof positive that she had won their heartiest approval by a technique so faultless as to be invisible, by a voice superb in scope and velvety quality, and by a personal presence youthful, gracious, charming and dignified. The varied program afforded an excellent opportunity for the display of Mme. Jomelli's voice, and for the powers of interpretation; a group of three Chaminade songs. *Trahison, Chanson de Neige* and *P'té*, being rendered with wonderful sympathy and vocal expression; Tosti's *Serenata* charmed the audience with its tinkling and crystalline tones, while a group of songs by Erich Wolff, and arias from *Tannhauser, Thais* and *Louise* displayed the dramatic possibilities of Mme. Jomelli's voice and stage manner. Mr. C. G. Spross, the accompanist, responded to every requirement of the program, and as a skilled pianist brought out every shading necessary for the best presentation of the music. His group of songs, *I Know, Yesterday and To-day*, and *The Wind*, were delightfully interpreted by Mme. Jomelli, and the composer shared equally with the singer the admiration of the audience for the musical charm of the presentation.

The concert was an artistic success, and Mme. Jomelli was in splendid voice; displaying a broad dramatic style, admirable lyric qualities and a wide emotional range of expression. The Charlton-Smith concerts have proven to be the best musical presentations given in Charleston, and should receive the cooperation and hearty support of all cultured people. They will continue throughout the winter, as follows: February 13th, Bispham-DeMoss concert; March 9th, the Flonzaley Quartet; April 20th, Katherine Goodson, pianist. Subscription price for series, \$6, \$5. For additional information address George Hoyt Smith, P. O. Box 385, Charleston, S. C.

SOUTH CAROLINA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

This Department is official, and will be continued monthly.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. R. D. Wright, Newberry.
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Treasurer—Miss Mary McMichael, Orangeburg.
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Recorder of Crosses—Mrs. W. H. Fowler, Yorkville.
(60 Chapters—2,400 Members.)

AT THIS WRITING, January 20th, the minutes of the Abbeville Convention are in the hands of the printers, and will reach the chapters in a short time. Especially should chapter officers read them carefully, and put into practice all of the recommendations possible. The constitution, with recent amendments and by-laws, will this year be incorporated into the minutes, and every president is urged to note carefully these changes.

DUES MUST be paid by March 1st—State dues to Mrs. M. J. Perry, 1301 Lady Street, Columbia, and General U. D. C. dues to Mrs. L. E. Williams, Anchorage, Ky.

LET EACH CHAPTER PRESIDENT appoint a director for a children's chapter, and begin this work early in the year. Reports from Spartanburg show a decidedly increasing interest in the chapter there—new members and a larger attendance at every meeting.

GREENVILLE has organized a children's chapter, with fifty charter members.

MISS SADIE GOGGANS, who received a four years' training in the Winthrop College Chapter, has accepted the directorship of a children's chapter in Newberry. Let us hear from other chapters next month!

THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE remains the same: Mrs. H. P. Lynch, Cheraw, chairman; Mrs. James McIntosh, Newberry, Mrs. St. J. Alison Lawton, James Island.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE for children's chapters, Mrs. C. C. Feartherstone, of Laurens, will again be assisted by Mrs. Chas Petty, of Spartanburg, and Mrs. R. L. Cumnock, Jr., of Anderson.

ANY CHAPTER WISHING INFORMATION regarding the admission of Veterans into the Infirmary will write to Mrs. W. B. Burney, Columbia, who will gladly give all information.

MRS. R. D. WRIGHT,

President S. C. Division, U. D. C.

THE CHARLESTON CHAPTER celebrated Gen. R. E. Lee's birthday, January 19th, by a public meeting in the German Artillery Hall, the largest hall in the city, which was filled to its uttermost, the cadets of the Citadel and Porter's Academy standing, to make room for the immense audience. The speaker of the evening was Col. R. E. Lee, Jr., who delivered a splendid oration on "The Vindication of the South." Col. Lee treated the subject under four heads, State's rights, slavery, the Southern woman and home, and the Confederate soldier. The address was a wonderful presentation of the subject, epigrammatic and condensed, presenting historic truths in so simple, clear and direct a form that the average intelligence was able to grasp many salient historic points, and hold them as a part of its historical equipment. The Charleston Chapter entertained Col. Lee at a reception in their chapter room, Market Hall,

on January 18th, and during his stay in Charleston the distinguished grandson of General Lee was the guest of honor at numerous private social functions. Col. Lee was the house guest of Mrs. A. T. Smythe, the president of the Charleston Chapter; a man of broad intellectual grasp, magnetic presence, and charming social attainments, he wins friends through his illustrious and beloved ancestry, and holds them through his own personal worth, modesty and dignity of character. The Charleston U. D. C. feel that this January 19th celebration was one of their most successful public functions, and has added much to the interest and popularity of the chapter in the community.

THE SECESSIONVILLE CHAPTER, James Island, celebrated General Lee's birthday, on January 20th, by having as their guest of honor Col. R. E. Lee, Jr., who made a most delightful informal address to the chapter, the Camp of Veterans, and the public school children and their parents, assembled in the school house for the occasion. The school house was beautifully decorated with evergreens, laurel wreaths, Confederate flags and pictures, and the children had prepared a special program of Confederate songs and recitations which they presented in a most creditable manner. Col. Lee departed from his usual course in public addresses, and spoke personally of his illustrious grandfather, telling the children of his love and interest in little children. He concluded his address by an impassioned appeal to the Veterans to leave some written record of their personal experiences in the stirring days of the Confederacy. The occasion was especially picturesque, the club house and school house being situated in a stately grove used for a century as the school centre of the island. Miss Mary Poppenheim, ex-president of the S. C. Division, U. D. C., was a special guest at this meeting. Col. Lee was the guest of honor of Mrs. Alison Lawton, the president of the Secessionville Chapter, at a collation at her beautiful home, "The Bluff," and made the journey to and from the island in Mr. Lawton's motor boat. On his return to the city Col. Lee was entertained at luncheon by Mrs. W. W. Lawton, at her home on South Bay.

SHILOH MONUMENT FUNDS—Contributions since November KEYSTONE: Winthrop College Chapter, Camden Chapter, Mrs. C. E. Graham, Greenville, (personal contribution), each \$5; Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Charleston, (personal contribution), \$10; Wm. Lester Chapter, Prosperity, \$2; Edgefield Chapter, \$1. Total, \$28. Chapters will send pledges made at Abbeville Convention and all contributions to Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, S. C. director for Shiloh, Charleston, S. C.

THE WADE HAMPTON CHAPTER, Columbia, elected the following officers for 1909: President, Mrs. Claude Girardeau; vice-president, Miss Alice Earle; recording secretary, Miss M. E. Davis; corresponding secretary, Miss Lucy A. Hoyt; treasurer, Mrs. W. H. Galloway; historian, Mrs. Alfred Doby; registrar, Mrs. Richard O'Neal.

HAS PROGRESS DEPRIVED WOMEN of all their old-time employments, and are they forced to engage in public affairs too long neglected by men? These questions are suggested by an article in the February *Delineator*, in which Ida Husted Harper tells why "Woman's Broom in Municipal Housekeeping" has become necessary.

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(86 Chapters—3,550 Members.)

THE NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTERS, U. D. C., celebrated the birthday of Gen. R. E. Lee in fitting manner everywhere.

AT THE STATE UNIVERSITY the birthday of Lee was celebrated by a noble address from Dr. Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton University. Dr. Wilson spoke of the phases in the life of the South's hero, which set an example of high principle, devotion to duty, steadfastness of purpose and courage of conviction. Lee spent himself in devotion to duty. The true eulogy of Lee is a life patterned after his.

"THE FLOWER OF THE CITY'S BEAUTY AND MANHOOD assembled in the hall of the House of Representatives at Raleigh to do honor to the sacred memory of the South's exemplar and saintly hero, Gen. Robert E. Lee." The meeting was held under the auspices of the Johnston Pettigrew Chapter, U. D. C., and the Confederate Memorial Association of Raleigh. The hall and its galleries were filled, and many were turned away. Before the exercises began three old Veterans, "the only Confederate drum-corps in the world," Comrade W. T. Johnson, with the fife, J. J. Lewis, with the base drum, Burt Royster, with the kettle-drum, heads erect, shoulders straightened, firm step, and with fire in their eyes, marched into the hall playing "Dixie," the audience cheering and all the old Veterans present responded with the battle shout. The orchestra of St. Mary's School occupied a position near the rostrum. The Secretary of State, Col. J. Bryan Grimes, master of ceremonies, addressed the audience in stirring words, reminding them of the fact that forty-seven years ago, in this very hall, the State's representatives, in convention assembled, signed the Ordinance of Secession. North Carolina had been among the last to enter the Union, asserting the sovereignty of the State and recognizing the right to withdraw from the compact when the occasion arose. He then presented the next speaker, Major W. A. Graham, one of six brothers who had fought under the Southern Cross. Major Graham paid tribute to the women of the South, keeping green the perennial memories of patriotism in the hearts of our youth. Memorial Days, he said, are object-lessons that teach history better than history books. It is to the women of the South, he declared, that the Confederate soldier owes the preservation of his record and his honor. The speaker paid a glowing tribute to the beloved Lee, as noble as an instructor of youth as he was as leader of the armies of the South. The next speaker was Major

B. F. Dixon, a hero of two wars, who gave an ecstatic chant in celebration of the glory and greatness and virtue of our hero-general, and a song of praise to Southern patriots. Mr. R. D. W. Conner, secretary of the State Historical Commission, drew a lesson from the occasion, in regard to the failure of North Carolina to do honor to her own great men, and the duty of a State to record the deeds of her statesmen and military heroes on imperishable monuments for object lessons to generations yet to come. The ceremonies were interspersed with musical selections by the orchestra and vocal quartettes.

Some of the newer chapters show special enthusiasm. The Junius Daniel Chapter records a protest against the award of a premium to Miss Boyson, of Columbia University, New York City, for an essay in which she alludes to Gen. Lee as "a traitor," and to the South as "intellectually dead," and "most of the people densely ignorant;" showing her own dense ignorance of facts. "The Roanoke Minute Men" Chapter report gives a fair sample of the celebrations of the 19th of January all over the State. "Readings suitable for the occasion, songs and original sketches" show the interest and zeal of the U. D. C. in the perpetuation of our holy and precious memories.

THE GEN. GEORGE B. ANDERSON CHAPTER, Hillsboro, N. C., reports through Miss Rebecca Cameron, president, the presentation to the three schools in that town of pictures of President Jefferson Davis, obtained from the Charleston Art Publishing Company, at a cost of \$10.65. Battle flags also given to be kept under each portrait. The chapter is also trying to interest the superintendent of public instruction in the county in placing of copies of this picture in all the county schools.

THE STATE TREASURER OF N. C., U. D. C., MRS. EUGENE LITTLE, reports \$1,000 in hand for the Wyatt monument fund, ensuring another thousand offered by a patriotic citizen to be added when that amount was raised. I hope to have many more responses, and more prompt report for the next KEYSTONE.

H. DEB. WILLS.

VIRGINIA DIVISION UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

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(111 Chapters—5,542 Members.)

THE CHRISTMAS TIME was as usual a busy season with the Virginia Daughters. The Home for Needy Women, the Lee Camp Home, and the old veterans and their families closer home were remembered and worked for by the faithful women.

THE RICHMOND CHAPTER gave a New Year's dinner to the soldiers of the Home, as they always do. In this and in the Christmas tree they had the assistance of chapters and friends far and near.

THE HOPE MAURY CHAPTER, Norfolk, provided a pleasant and happy little token of cheer for every inmate of the

Home. The time is so short in which we can give a little sunshine into these dreary lives that other chapters should lend a hand—"or ever the silver cord be loosed."

THE TWO CHAPTERS IN LYNCHBURG, we understand, have joined hands in doing a good work for the Home for Needy Confederate Women, in addition to their own memorial work.

THE ARLINGTON MONUMENT FUND continues to grow; it has been increased \$60 since Christmas by the Virginia committee. Mrs. Bacock has promised us a full account for our next issue.

THE MINUTES OF THE MANASSAS MEETING can now be had from Mrs. Chas. Black, the Recording Secretary, Blacksburg. Every chapter and interested individual should have one. The new constitution is printed in these minutes and should be carefully read before another convention meets.

A NEW CHAPTER has been begun at Marion, Smythe County. There should be others in the Southwest.

A NEW CHAPTER called "Washington and Lee" has been organized in Westmoreland County—Mrs. Robert Bailey, President; Mrs. Arthur P. Gray, Vice-President.

THE LARGE PORTRAIT OF GEN. LEE which the Convention gave the Manassas Chapter has been hung in the chapter hall in time for the banquet and campfire which the chapter gave the Camp of Veterans on January 19th.

MCCOMAS CHAPTER, PEARISBURG, has given the contract for a handsome monument to be erected at once.

MRS. ENDERS ROBINSON, HISTORIAN GENERAL, U. D. C., met the Lexington Chapter by invitation, on January 19th, in an interesting meeting in that place, replete with memories of Lee.

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DISTRICT NURSING IN CHARLESTON, S. C.

THE LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY, of Charleston, S. C., whose motto is "I was sick and ye visited me," celebrated its 96th annual meeting on January 22nd, 1909. The superintendent's report was as follows:

Ladies: I am happy to welcome you at our 96th annual meeting; we are encouraged and gratified by your presence. During the year we have helped 316 persons, the nurse has made 1,980 visits. We have 168 members, 12 life members, one in memoriam member, and one whose name is recorded annually in memoriam. We have had many donations in money, one resignation, and we enrolled three new members at our last annual meeting. We have lost by death four members—Mrs. Sarah Calhoun Simonds, Miss Jennie S. Robb, Miss Kate Bachman, Mrs. Burckmyer. Special collections have been taken up in the following churches for this work on one Sunday in March: St. Luke's Episcopal, Huguenot, First Presbyterian, Second Presbyterian, Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and Beth Elohim Congregation. Many church societies and circles of the King's Daughters assist in the work by regular monthly or annual donations. The Needlework Guild, the Ice Mission, and the Charleston Section of the Council of Jewish Women all help in promoting this wise charity. * * * Your Superintendent has again received \$125, to be used by her for ladies in reduced circumstances, and it has given her great pleasure

to place it where it has given comfort, pleasure and relief. Our friendly visitors assist our nurse, and their sympathy and kindness are much valued. The Ladies' Benevolent Society employs and pays the trained nurse regularly. Our expenses come up to between \$60 and \$75 per month. Through the courtesy of the Associated Charities we continue to keep our supplies in two commodious closets, and make daily use of their comfortable office. Mrs. A. S. Walker is a member of our society and also our nurse committee; as such she does a great deal to further our work. The nurse reports and confers with her daily; calls are made at the Associated Charities for the nurse; as their secretary it is her duty to inform the nurse of any cases she has investigated and needing our aid; she attends to details for us which can only be done by one on the spot and knowing our methods.

As early as 1814 we find this society trying to aid indigent women to earn a subsistence. Soon after I became superintendent I tried to re-establish this side branch of the work, and with a small donation to purchase material and aid the needy with sewing. Mr. Gage, learning through Mrs. Rhett of this, gave her \$200 for this purpose. Thus the Gage fund now furnishes the money, our board selects the material and patterns and cuts out the garments the secretary of the Associated Charities has the garments made, they are largely bought by the Needlework Guild, and in this way the supply is kept up.

I urged our nurse to give special attention to tuberculosis cases; she has had eight such cases in charge. Occasionally she visits respectable colored persons. The Hopkins fund for colored persons has assisted during the year about 50 negroes, old and infirm, giving 43 loads of wood, also food and clothing. We sincerely thank all generous friends who have so ably assisted us, and hope for a continuance of their support. * * * Respectfully,

CATHERINE PRIOLEAU RAVENEL, Supt.

From the treasurer's report we find that the receipts were \$1,371.54, and the expenditures were \$1,214.07, for the year 1908. From the report of the Nurse Committee we find the nurse paid 1,980 visits to 173 charity patients and eleven pay patients; thirty physicians employed the services of the nurse with their patients. There were only seventeen deaths and twenty births, while an extra nurse was used in thirteen different occasions in times of extra stress. The Loan Closet report showed that during the year 379 packages of nourishment, 202 articles of clothing, 31 dozen fresh eggs, 27 packages of medicine, or stimulants, 16 baby baskets with their contents and 217 sundries, such as mosquito nets, mattresses, alcohol lamp, rolling chairs, etc., had been distributed from the closet. At one time eight rolling chairs were in use from this department. The Mother's Basket report showed 760 articles received and 518 given away. There was on sale, for ten cents, at this the 96th meeting a little pamphlet containing a history of the society, a list of its present members and a fac-simile of the first list of its members published in 1823. The election of officers for 1909 resulted as follows: Superintendent, Miss C. P. Ravenel; Junior Superintendent, Mrs. B. F. Alston; Secretary, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim; Treasurer, Mrs. E. H. Pringle. Board of Directors, Mrs. James Allan, Mrs. Herman Baer, Mrs. J. P. K. Bryan, Mrs. Zimmerman Davis, Mrs. W. G. Jeffords, Mrs. Arthur Mazyck, Miss S. A. Smyth, Mrs. John S. Riggs, Mrs. G. E. Gibbon, Mrs. A. T. Smythe, Miss M. B. Mure, Mrs. E. F. Parker, Mrs. L. L. Cohen, Mrs. Sallie Litschgi, Miss Elizabeth Klinck, Mrs. Geo. S. Holmes.

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"*Mothers in Israel*," by J. S. Fletcher, one of the popular young English novelists, presents a delightful picture of an English rural community. The *Mothers in Israel* are the wives of the two richest and most influential farmers in the village, and the way in which the new clergyman influences them in their attitude to the church and the school is very amusing. The little school teacher is an attractive character and the attachment of the clergyman for her is a sweet, unaffected romance. In the author's preface he states that woman makes the atmosphere of a rural community and that she is largely responsible for the rural vices—slander, and back-biting. This story is founded on fact, the *Mothers in Israel* were real characters, and the author claims these are types from the country.

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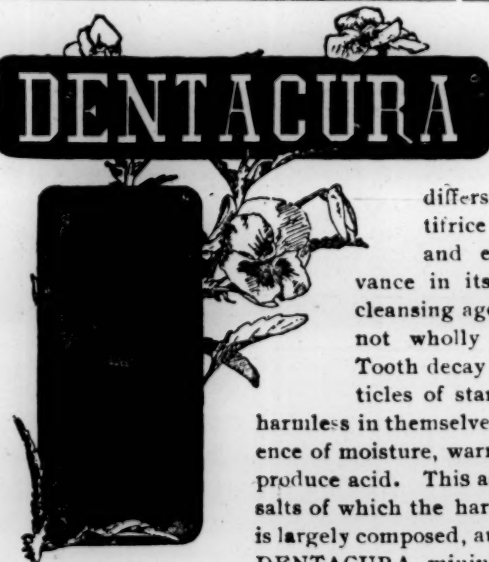
"*The Supreme Gift*"—by Grace Denis Litchfield, the author of "*In the Crucible*," is a powerful novel treating of personal social responsibility. The story is full of dramatic situations and the characters are human individuals. The plot is well planned and the book is now being dramatized. "Joan" is a high-strung young woman and has many difficult problems to confront on account of her Father's bankruptcy involving the living of many poor people who had confidence in him. The climax in the plot is reached in an automobile accident, and the book is modern in every way.

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THE JANUARY *American Boy* conveys pleasing anticipations for 1909. The contents are in keeping with the season. Capt. Wyn Roosevelt's story, *Frontier Boys on the Overland Trail*, is sure to delight the boys, and *That Dillingham Boy* continues with unabated interest. Of the fine short stories, there are: *The First Marathon*, telling how the news of the victory of the Greeks over the Persians was conveyed to Athens, the origin of the now popular Marathon race, and others with departments full of interest and one hundred illustrations. \$1 per year. See KEYSTONE combination offer, \$1.10.

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